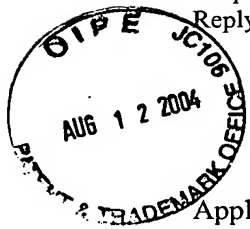


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RESPONSE AND ELECTION

(In response to Office action mailed June 10, 2004)

Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated June 10, 2004 (Paper No.20040609). The one month period for responding to the Office action expired on July 10, 2004. Applicant hereby petitions and requests for a one (1) month extension of time to extend the response period from July 10, 2004 through August 10, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed to cover this fee.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby elects to proceed with the Group I claims 1-12 and 18-24 without traverse.

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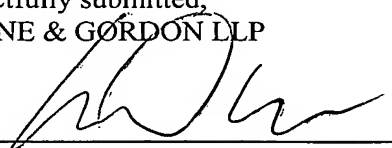
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Applicant also requests acknowledgment of the priority claim and confirmation that the priority documents have been received.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 36096.

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